

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Yu for the telephonic interview of February 24, 2005 in which the allowability of claims was discussed. The claims have been amended to reflect the examiners indication of claim allowability. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 2, 5, 8, 39, 43, 45, 46, 51, 52, 55, and 56, 62-75 are pending.

The enablement rejection of claims 7, 8, 40, 45, 55, 56, and 59 has been withdrawn.

Claims 8, 45, 55, and 56 were not subject to any rejections and therefore are deemed to be allowable. Claim 8 was amended to put it into independent form by incorporating the limitations of the claim from which it depended. Claims 2, 3, 5, 39, 43, 46, 51, and 52 were amended to depend from claim 8. New claims 62-68 and 69-75 correspond to claims 2, 3, 39, 43, 46, 51, and 52 but depend from independent claims 45 and 55 respectively.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 40, 43, 46, 51, 52, 57, 58, and 59 were rejected for obviousness over de la Monte et al. and Lavaissiere et al. in view of Wer-Remers, and claim 39 was rejected for obviousness over the same references in further view of Huse. To expedite prosecution and put the case into condition for allowance, claims 1, 6, 7, 40, and 57-59 were canceled. As discussed above, claims 2, 3, 5, 39, 43, 46, 51, and 52 were amended to depend from allowable claim 8. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a separate continuation application.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

A petition for three-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-032DIV1.

Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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